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Financial Year 2006-2007			
22.	8.6.2006	MiG 29	Jamnagar
23.	18.9.2006	MiG 21	Sirsa
24.	28.9.2006	MiG 29	Ambala
25.	19.10.2006	MiG 27	Hashimara
26.	21.11.2006	MiG 29	Sarmat Range
27.	18.1.2007	Jaguar	Pokhran Range
28.	24.1.2007	Mirage 2000	Gwalior
29.	1.3.2007	MiG 21	Bagdogra
Financial Year 2007-2008			
30.	8.5.2007	MiG 29	Adampur

Posts in Public Relations Directorate of Ministry of Defence

†4478. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned posts in various units of Public Relations Directorate under the Ministry of Defence and the vacant posts out of them;

(b) the annual budget of Public Relations Directorate for the three years upto 2006-07 and the amount spent out of the budget of Army, Air Force, Navy and on other units of the Directorate;

(c) whether the budget of Army Liaison Cell is also included in the budget of Public Relations Directorate; and

(d) the annual budget of Army Liaison Cell for three years upto the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Out of a total sanctioned strength of 275 posts in Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), 35 posts in different cadres are lying vacant.

(b) There is no separate budget allocated to Directorate of Public Relations but its funds for publicity are drawn from Army allocation which

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

is further sub allocted by Additional Directorate General of Financial Planning. The funds for publicity is spent on printing to Sainik Samachar in 13 different Indian languages and media publicity of all Defence related activities that are conducted by Ministry of Defence, three Services and Coast Guard and all Inter-Services Organizations. These include activities e.g., media tours, organizing press conferences, conducting Defence Correspondent's Courses etc. The funds are also utilized for office expenses, hospitality for media and audio-visual services. No separate account for each service/organization is maintained in this regard. The personnel of DPR are drawn from different organisations and their pay and allowances are paid by their respective organizations. However, transport support to a large extent is provided by the Forces. The amount allocated to Directorate of Public Relations for media publicity during last three years i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 have been Rs. 250 lakhs each year and actual expenditure for these years have been Rs. 226 lakhs, Rs. 205 lakhs and Rs. 233 lakhs respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no dedicated budget for Army Liaison Cell. Funds are allotted internally by Army as per need.

Lower Defence Budget

4479. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although India has the fourth largest military in the world, Indian Defence spending over the years has been in the region of 2.5 per cent of GDP, while Pakistans' military budget is around 4 per cent of GDP and unofficial estimates of Chinese military budget is also the same;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the most striking ommission in this budget is that no separate provision has been made for the proposed Aerospace Command and this issue is particularly important against the backdrop of China's recent anti-satellite missile testing; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?